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City Council Calendar

There are no more Council meetings in July. Meetings will resume August 11th.

Watch Your Mail for Goodyear Newcomer's Guide - Coming Soon!

By early August a 100-page *Goodyear Newcomer's Guide* will be mailed to **every** Goodyear household. The pocket guide, produced by the City of Goodyear's Citizens' Office, is intended as a friendly, welcoming introduction to our city that communicates about our city government and its services and programs.

Because more than 50% of our residents did not live here six years ago, we are mailing a guide to *every* Goodyear household so all of our residents have the same information about Goodyear that newcomers will receive from July on.

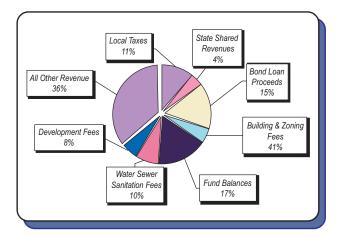
New Budget Approved

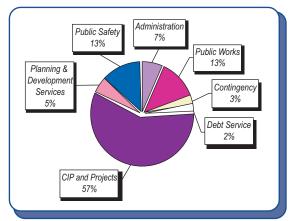
At the July 7th City Council meeting the new City Council adopted the fiscal year 2003/04 budget totaling \$127,542,561 and a

combined property tax of \$2.04, the same as last year. The 2003/04 budget is five percent lower than last year's city budget (\$134,345,578). This year's conservative spending limit is based on expected revenues exceeding \$144,500,000.

For a summary of the 2003/04 budget, visit www.ci.goodyear.az.us or call 623-882-7055.

Where the Money Comes From





Where the Money Goes by Program

Goodyear Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team Gets Certified



Pictured are (1 to r): Ronald Lilley, Ed Pahl, Jesse Jones, Adam Becker, Marty Garbacz, Jose Aguirre, Russ Braden, Shawn Anderson, Tony Legamaro, Joe Hernandez, and David Lackey.

The Goodyear Fire Department recently celebrated the achieve-ment of 14 firefighters being certified as Hazardous Materials Technicians. The celebration also recognized a generous grant of \$6,967.83 from the Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC) and the Maricopa County Local Emergency Planning Committee to purchase a portable, hand-held chemical detector and monitor.



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh recetnly presented a plaque to Luke AFB Wing Commander Denny Rea to thank him for his help on zoning and other issues concerning the base, Colonel Rea left Luke for a Texas assignment.



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh speaking at the inauguration ceremony.

(The following remarks were given by Mayor Cavanaugh at the June 9th inauguration ceremony)

During the last three months as Vice Mayor, I have had the opportunity to get to know the staff much better and I have been gratified with their quality of performance and dedication.

I want to thank Council Members Sue Linney, Dick Sousa, Ken Porter and Frank Cavalier for their support during this transition period. And I'd like to welcome Dr. Fred Scott and Rob Antoniak to the Council.

Over the next two to three years, the seven of us will make decisions that will affect our next twenty years and those twenty will form the foundation for our ultimate build-out in about 40-50 years. At that time, we will be as

Mayor's Inaugural Remarks

large as St. Louis or Miami. Together Goodyear and our western neighbor, Buckeye, will meet or exceed the existing populations of cities such as San Francisco, Boston, Seattle and Denver.

What are our challenges over the next twenty years?

In our first month as a Council, we will make decisions on three major issues effecting the future of this city: 1) the future alignment for the 303 freeway south of the Gila River, 2) how much density should be permitted in our northwest corner and its impact on Luke preservation and 3) how much density should be permitted throughout a huge swath of land on our western border. Our rural heritage, large tract open space and diversity in our housing products are on the table when we vote on the updated General Plan. (Editor's note: The City Council voted on the General Plan on July 7th.)

Over the following two to three years we will plan our future City Center and effectively determine the future focus and image of Goodyear. What do we want Goodyear to be known for? Do

we want to be different and unique? If so, in what way? We must permanently preserve Luke's Southern Departure Corridor from any residential development. We need to acquire land for more open space and parks, determine the composition of our parks and plan old town rejuvenation.

In the next five to 10 years, residential areas north of I-10 should be largely built out. We will move into the City Center, build the Bullard Rd. interchange at I-10, widen I-10 through Godyear, open the regional mall, complete the auto mall and start the El Rio Project.

In the next 10 to 20 years, the El Rio should be completed, the Broadway alignment freeway started, and the 303 freeway completed to the Gila River. Another bridge will be constructed over the Gila River and intra- and inter-city mass transit opportunities should be implemented.

Obviously, there's a lot on the Goodyear plate and this is only part of the agenda. The staff will plan and manage the efforts. The Council

will assist in defining the requirements and make the final decisions regarding choices, timing, and funding.

We must be prepared to accept innovation and wise enough to reject outmoded concepts. We must be prepared to compromise, yet have the courage to confront. I offered and was elected by the residents to lead in these efforts. I'm ready. This term is underway!

New Goodyear Mayor and City Council



Goodyear City Council (I to r): Dr. Fred Scott, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Sue Linney, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Frank Cavalier, Ken Porter, and Rob Antoniak.

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The Inauguration

June 9, 2003 6 p.m.

Hampton Inn Suites

City Clerk Dee Cockrum delivers four oaths of office



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

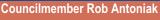
House Representative William O. Arnold, former mayor of Goodyear, speaks at the event



Councilmember Fred Scott



Vice Mayor Richard Sousa





New Goodyear City Council take their seats

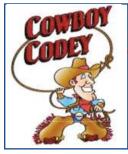
The Mayor thanks departing Councilmember Seth Kanter



Luke Air Force Base

Estrella Parkway improvements from Yuma Rd. to McDowell Rd. now set to begin in mid-July 2003.

Construction should last about six months. Traffic will be down to one lane in both directions at times, but the road will not be completely closed to traffic during construction.



Cowboy Codey Sez . . . Blockwatch Helps Neighborhoods

The Goodyear Police Department's NRU Team (Neighborhood Response Unit) would like to see you, the residents, get involved in keeping your neighborhoods safe. One key way to accomplish this is to have a Neighborhood Watch/Block Watch program in your immediate community. Neighborhood Watch is a

program where your neighborhood takes an active role in crime prevention and community development. Your neighborhood group can also learn about and identify code violations that are hurting the fabric of your community.

If you are interested in starting a Block Watch in your neighborhood or want information, please call Police Officer Lisa Sontag - 623-932-1220 and she will help you get started!

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Handy Outdoor Watering Guide Helps Save Water

In order to conserve water this summer, it is very important to not over water your landscaping. The chart below is a guide you can use to help you adjust watering schedules for various trees, plant types and grass for the summer season. Soil types and conditions are different throughout Goodyear, so use this chart as a starting point and adjust based upon your individual soil conditions.

After adjusting your watering schedule, turn on each of your watering zones. When the zones are finished, insert a long screwdriver or a metal rod with sharpened end into the soil. Your soil probe should slide easily through wet soil but will be harder or impossible to push through dry soil.

Compare the depth that your soil probe penetrated to the chart below and adjust your watering schedule accordingly. By testing your landscaping often, you should be able to save both water and money by not over watering your plants.

Landscape Watering Guidelines				
Plant Type Established(1yr - shrubs, 3 yrs- trees)		Watering Depth	Summer (May- Oct.)	
Trees	Desert Adapted	24-26 inches	7- 21 days	
	High-water Use	24-36 inches	7- 10 days	
Shrubs	Desert Adapted	18-24 inches	7- 21 days	
	High-water Usage	18-24 inches	5 - 7 days	
Groundcovers	Desert Adapted	8-12 inches	7- 21 days	
& Vines	High-water Use	8-12 inches	2 - 5 days	
Cacti/Succulents		8-12 inches	14 - 30 days	
Annuals		8-12 inches	2 - 5 days	
Warm Season Grass		6-10 inches	3 - 6 days	

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at **www.ci.goodyear.az.us** or call the City's 24-hour hotline, **(623) 932-1716**, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resource Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd.. Phone (623) 882-7752. TTY (623) 932-6500. **EEO/M/F/V/H/D.**

	
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Comments (please print)	
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Address	E-mail



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City Telephone Numbers

24-Hour City Hotline	(623) 932-1716
Building Safety	(623) 932-3004
City Clerk	(623) 882-7830
City Court	(623) 932-3013
City Hall	(623) 932-3910
City Manager	(623) 882-7051
CitySource Office	(623) 882-7808
Code Compliance	(623) 882-7815
Community Advocate	(623) 882-7800
Crisis Service Line	(623) 882-7677
Dead Animal Removal	(602) 561-5704
Engineering	(623) 882-7979
Garbage/Trash/Recycling	(623) 932-1637
Economic Development	(623) 932-3025
Fire Department	(623) 932-2300
Mayor & City Council	(623) 882-7776
Neighborhood Programs	(623) 882-7808
Parks/Pools/Recreation	(623) 932-1637
Planning & Zoning	(623) 932-3005
Police Department	(623) 932-1220
Streets/Transportation	(623) 932-1637
Utility Hook-Up/	
Bill Payment	(623) 932-3015
Water Ouality/Pressure	(623) 932-1637

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